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Subject: Microsoft settlement

I am in favor of the Microsoft settlement as earlier proposed between the company and the Dept. of Justice.

Continued litigation is not in the best interest of the consumer, competition, or free trade. Such action is only in the interest of those companies that are competitors of Microsoft and are not able to compete on a level playing field. They desire the courts to offer them an unfair advantage in the marketplace.

In the best interests of the country, and the consumers in general, settle the case and let's move on. The questions addressed in the original case have long been overcome by events.

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